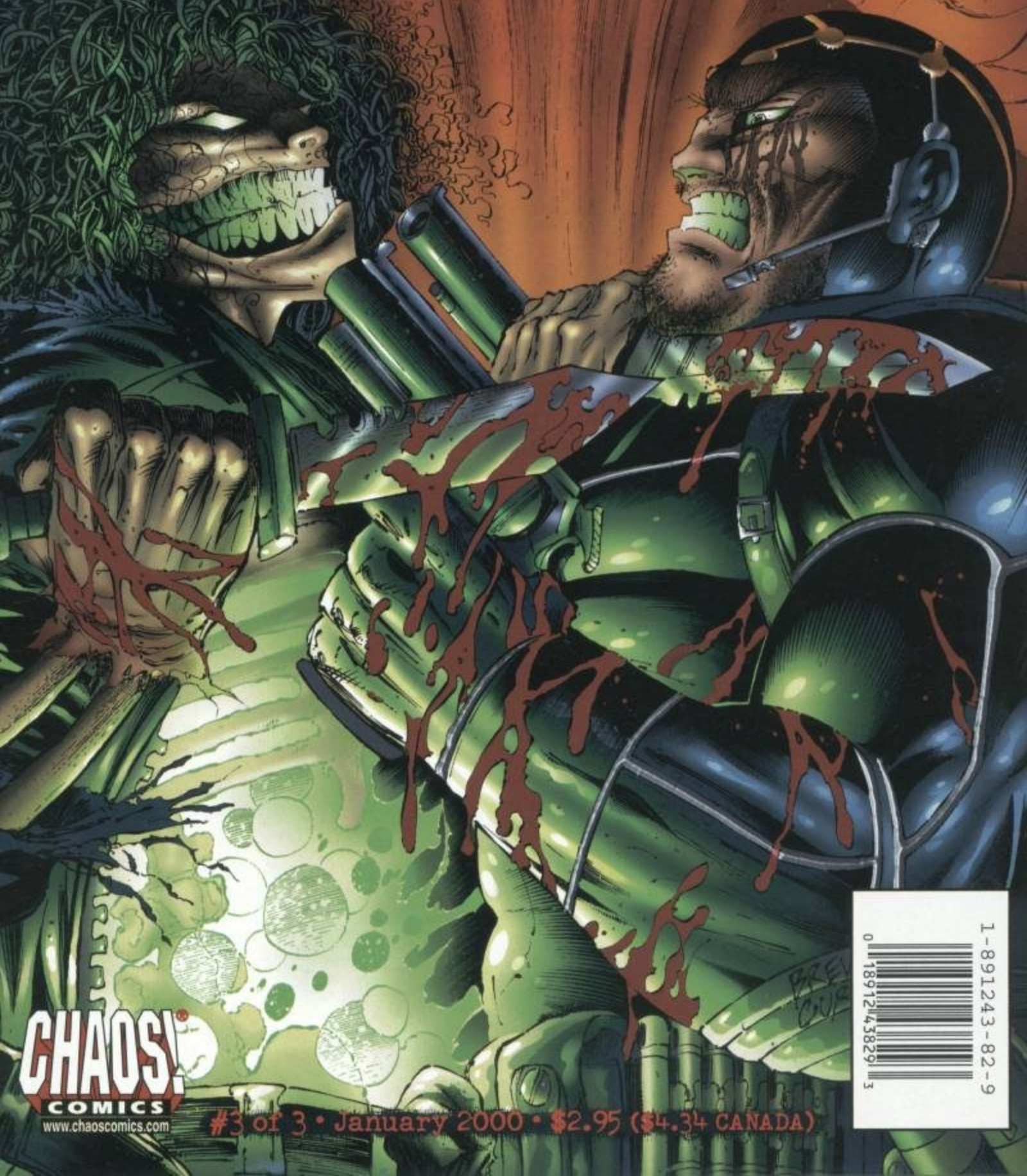


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"Dead Time"

Story So Far

Evil Ernie controls Norad Headquarters and the U. S. nuclear stockpile, but without his button buddy Smiley – who's attached to Homicide's eye – he's dying. Dr. Price, teamed with Homicide attack Norad. Homicide and the Deadmind gain, then lose control of Ramsey, who is aiding Evil in attaining launch codes. Mary Young, Ernest Fairchild and Sam Gunhill drop down by helicopter to stop the madness. Sam is cut off from Mary. Despite all their efforts, Evil is only seconds away from pushing the button that will trigger a global nuclear assault. Now, the conclusion to Evil Ernie: War of the Dead.

CREATOR'S REQUEST: As you read this issue, please play THE END by The Doors in the background. Thanks.

Evil Ernie: War of the Dead is dedicated to all the hard-core fiends who kept Evil Ernie and his story alive for the last eight years.

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Timeline

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- '91, '92 ● **EVIL ERNIE:** Youth Gone Wild #1-5
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- '95 ● **EVIL ERNIE vs. THE SUPERHEROES**
- '97 ● **EVIL ERNIE vs. THE MOVIE MONSTERS**
- '98 ● **EVIL ERNIE vs. THE SUPERHEROES II**

ON THE VERGE OF NUCLEAR
APOCALYPSE, OUTSIDE NORAD,
AS THE ZOMBIE VIRUS SPREADS...

JESUS,
JUDY! I
THOUGHT
YOU WERE
DEAD!

JUDY?

SHE'S
ALIVE, BUT
THAT LOOK.
PRICE'S ZOMBIE
CHIP?

BINGO.

'MEMBER
WE GOT SEPARATED
BACK IN NEVADA?
SOMEHOW PRICE GOT
A HOLD OF YOU. GOT
YOU UNDER HIS
CONTROL!

S-SAM!
WHERE
AM I?

Sorry
kiddies. No
time for
romance.

BOING

BOING

Ugh!

Boy, I
made a big
mistake.

--Oh
shit!

NORAD,
WAR ROOM.



DIE! YOU
MOTHERLESS
BASTARD!
DIE!

DON'T LET
HIM HIT THAT
BUTTON!

THAT
BOUGHT
US A FEW
SECONDS!

Here I
come
buddy!

Charrrrg-
EEERRGH!



THE
BUTTON!



MARY!
JUDY IS ALIVE!
PRICE HAD HER
RIGGED WITH A
ZOMBIE CONTROL
CHIP, BUT SHE'S
ALIVE!

YOU
CONTROLLED MY
SISTER? WHAT DID
YOU DO WITH
HER?!

RICK,
GET CONTROL
OF YOURSELF! DON'T
LET EVIL GET THE
BUTTON

RICK,
LISTEN TO
ME!!





YOU
SON OF A
BITCH!

EERGH!

YOU
UNGRATEFUL
SACK OF DEAD
MEAT!

BOTH
OF YOU,
STOP!

SHE
WAS IN GOOD
HANDS!

YOU'RE
INSANE!

Yeah
that's right
forget 'bout
me!

Suckerrrrs!

PRICE YOU
MADMAN!

COME HERE!
IF THE BUTTON
CONNECTS WITH EVIL,
HIS POWER'LL BE
RESTORED!

In
yer dreams,
bay-bee!

Hey Evil!

Quit yer
dyin'. we got
World War Three
to start!

YESSSS.

MISSED
YOU,
BUD.

Me
too.

Whoa!
can you feel
it, Evil?!

POWER'S
RETURNING!



Let's give
'em HELL!

Goodbye
cruel
world.

NORAD.

TOOM

TOOM

TOOM

TOOM

TOOM

"Oh GOD, NO!
PRICE, RICK -
LOOK WHAT
YOU DID!"

"SHUT UP,
MARY! I
GOTTA
THINK!"

"THINK? YOU
NEVER LEAVE
WELL ENOUGH
ALONE!"

"ME? WHO WAS THE
BLEEDIN' HEART LIBERAL
WHO WANTED TO CURE
FAIRCHILD IN THE FIRST
PLACE? ANSWER THAT!"

"WELL MARY? WHERE'S YOUR
PISS AND VINEGAR NOW? IT'S
YOUR FAULT, YOUR LEGACY! ALL
OF THEM, ALL OF THIS, YOU!"

"YOU!"

"GRANTED I WAS PART
OF HIS CREATION, BUT
THAT WAS LONG AGO. I'VE
TRIED TO STOP HIM. BUT
YOU, YOU'RE WORSE THAN
HE IS! WHAT HAVE YOU
BECOME LEONARD?!"

CHINA.

THE
AMERICANS
HAVE LAUNCHED
A WORLD WIDE
STRIKE. OVER 500
WAR HEADS
ARE IN THE
AIR.

WE HAVE
RESPONDED
WITH 135 ICBM'S
TARGETED AT ALL
SURVIVING U.S.
POPULATION
CENTERS...

PARLIAMENT.

...CHINA,
RUSSIA, IRAN
AND ISRAEL HAVE
RESPONDED IN
KIND...

RE-UNITED NATIONS.

Oh THE
HUMANITY!

PRETEND ALL
YOU WANT, MARY.
LOOK AROUND YOU.
RICK, BILLY, THIS DAMNED
COUNTRY, THE WHOLE
WORLD, THEY'RE DEAD
GOD DAMN IT AND
YOU'RE PART
OF IT!



PRAY
JUDY,
PRAY!

PRAY
SAM? C'MON
IT'S GAME
OVER.

...ALL ...MY
...FAULT...

THIS IS
SAD.

NO LIVING
TO PLAY WITH
ANYMORE.

THERE. NOW
EVERYTHING'S
GONNA BE ALL
RIGHT.

ALL DEAD,
ALL EQUAL,
NO PAIN. NO
SUFFERING.

NO.

YOU
CAN ALL SIT
THERE DROP
JAWED, BUT I
GOT THE
CURE.

Burrrrp.

Who's
got the
chip and
dip?

This
is gonna
be a
doozy!

HAHA
HAHAHA
HAHAHAHA

HA
HAHA
HAHAHA
HAHAHAHA



SORRY
KID.



ERNEST!

YOU
BASTARD!
HE WAS
INNOCENT!

NO ONE
HERE IS
INNOCENT.

EVIL
FELT IT!

HE'S
GOING
DOWN!

AAAAAAAAAAAAA!



IT DOESN'T
MATTER! HE LIVES,
HE DIES, WHO CARES,
LEONARD? WHY
THE HELL DOES IT
MATTER?!

IT MATTERS
'CAUSE I SAY IT
MATTERS!

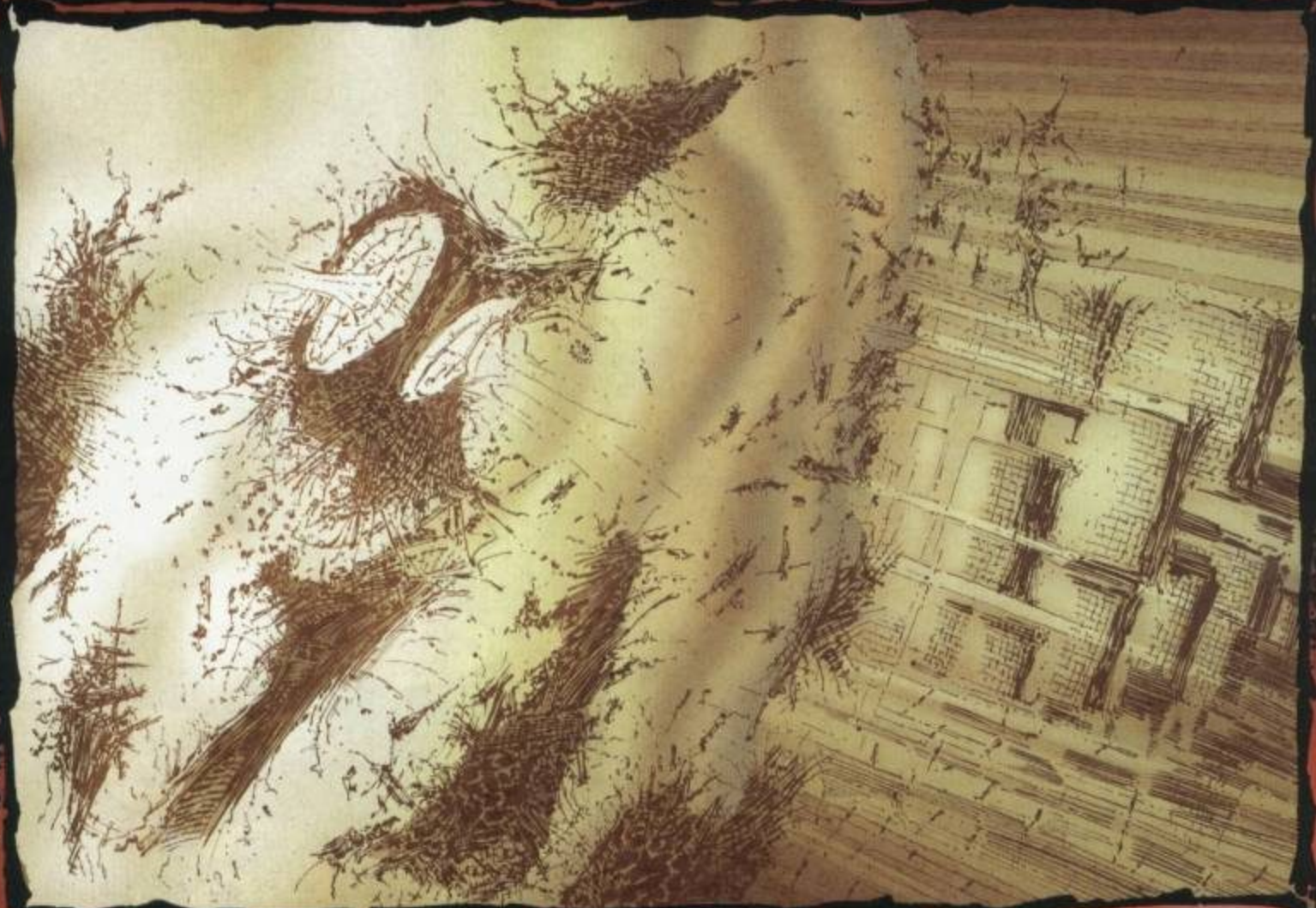
IT'S ALL
HAPPENING
TOO QUICK. CAN'T
THINK. WHAT AM
I GONNA
DO?

COVER
YER EYES!





LONDON,
ENGLAND.



FAIRCHILD,
TAKE YER
MEDICINE!

KILLIN'
ERNEST WEAKENED
YOU, huh?

NEVER
GOT THAT
ERNEST/EVIL
ERNIE THING.
BIZARRE.

LOOK
AT THEM.
NOT A CARE IN THE
WORLD. JUST VIOLENCE,
MAYHEM. THERE'S NO
REDEEMING
THEM.

THE
PLAN. NOW
I REMEMBER
THE PLAN.

YOU
DESERVE EACH
OTHER.



MOSCOW, RUSSIA.



I WAS ALWAYS THE OPTIMIST. THOUGHT I COULD SAVE PRICE.



GOT TO END IT. IF ONLY FOR THE SURVIVORS.

IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME. THEY'RE DEAD AND DON'T KNOW IT.



MOSCOW, RUSSIA.



WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT!

NO, I'M SEEIN' IT THROUGH.

RICK, PLEASE! WE'RE ALL WE GOT!



DEAD KING, GO. WE'RE STAYING.

WE WERE NEVER MEANT TO BE.

BUT-

GO, AND TAKE THIS. PROTECT MARY.



LET ME GOOOO!







WE'RE TRAPPED!

THE BABIES GAVE ME THE GIFT.

THE VIRUS IS ON THE OTHER SIDE.

WE DON'T HAVE MUCH CHOICE. HOLD ON.



THINK I'M GOING TO BE SICK.

LOOK AT JUDY. SHE'S GONNA DIE!



DON'T KNOW IF THIS WAS SUCH A BRIGHT IDEA. THEY'RE GAINING.

IT'S OKAY. YOU'LL ALWAYS BE MY KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOR.



VIRUS!



YER GOING ALL GUSHY ON ME, JUDE. THEY'RE SURROUNDING US!

DON'T WORRY. IT'S OKAY. LOOK BEHIND US, LOTS OF DYNAMITE.

SAM?

YEAH JUDY?



I LOVE YOU.





BLAM

BEIJING, CHINA.



AND FURTHER-MORE--

...NO JUDY, NO...

W-WE'VE G-GOT TO G-GO.



WHO'S GONNA FLY THE 'COPTER? OH WHAT'S THE USE?

I-I WILL L-LEARNED F-FROM I-ISRAELI S SPECIAL F-FORCES.





JUST YOU
AND ME,
FAIRCHILD.

ERGH!



CAIRO,
EGYPT.



LESS
THAN FIVE
MINUTES. WE
WON'T CLEAR
THE NUKE...
JUDY...

W-
WATCH
M-ME.



NORAD.

DE-
ACTIVATE.



DONE

GOOD!



DAMN!



SEE?
I DID
IT!

EVERY-
THING
ENDS!

YOU
COULDN'T
STOP
IT!



NOW
DOC. YOU
DIE.



FUCK YOU,
FAIRCHILD.





DEAD ONE
RISE.
NOW
CAN YOU
SEE?

YES,
I SEE!



IT'S
BEAUTIF --





4 NORAD.



FIFTY FIVE MILES
EAST OF NORAD.



MARY,
ABOUT BACK
THERE, WITH
PRICE, I LOST
MY HEAD.

YEAH,
YOU DID.
YOU'VE STOPPED
SHAKING. THE
VIRUS?

GONE. WE
MUST BE IMMUNE.
MAYBE BECAUSE
WE WERE CREATED
BY EVIL'S HANDS...
I DON'T KNOW...



RICK?
HE'S... HE
DOESN'T HAVE
ME ANY-
MORE. EVIL'S
GONE.

I'M...
SORRY
FOR EVERY-
THING.

APOLOGY
ACCEPTED
BILLY.



W-WE
DID IT. HE'S
GONE!

HOW THE
HELL DO I
PROCESS IT ALL?
THE... MY SISTER'S
DEAD. JUDY. JUDY'S
DEAD. ERNEST,
RICK, BILLY, PRICE.
THE WORLD. DEAD.
GONE.

HOW
DO I GO
ON?



WHY?

EVIL'S
GONE. AND
YET... WE'RE
STILL
HERE.

I HAVE
NO CLUE,
BILLY. JUST
GLAD YOU'RE
BACK AMONG
US.

YEAH.



TAKE IT,
MARY. YOU'RE THE
ONLY ONE WHO CAN
BE TRUSTED TO
SAFEGUARD THIS
THING.

I TRUST
YOU'LL
DO THE
JOB.

IT'S
OVER
FOR
ME.



SO MUCH
TO SORT OUT.
BEEN RUNNING ON
AUTO-PILOT FOR
YEARS. IT'S LIKE I
HAVEN'T BEEN HERE.
JUST MY SURVIVAL
REFLEX. LOOK
WHAT IT'S COST
US.

I NEED
SPACE. GOT
TO FIGURE
IT ALL
OUT.

WE'LL BE
THERE IF
YOU NEED
US.

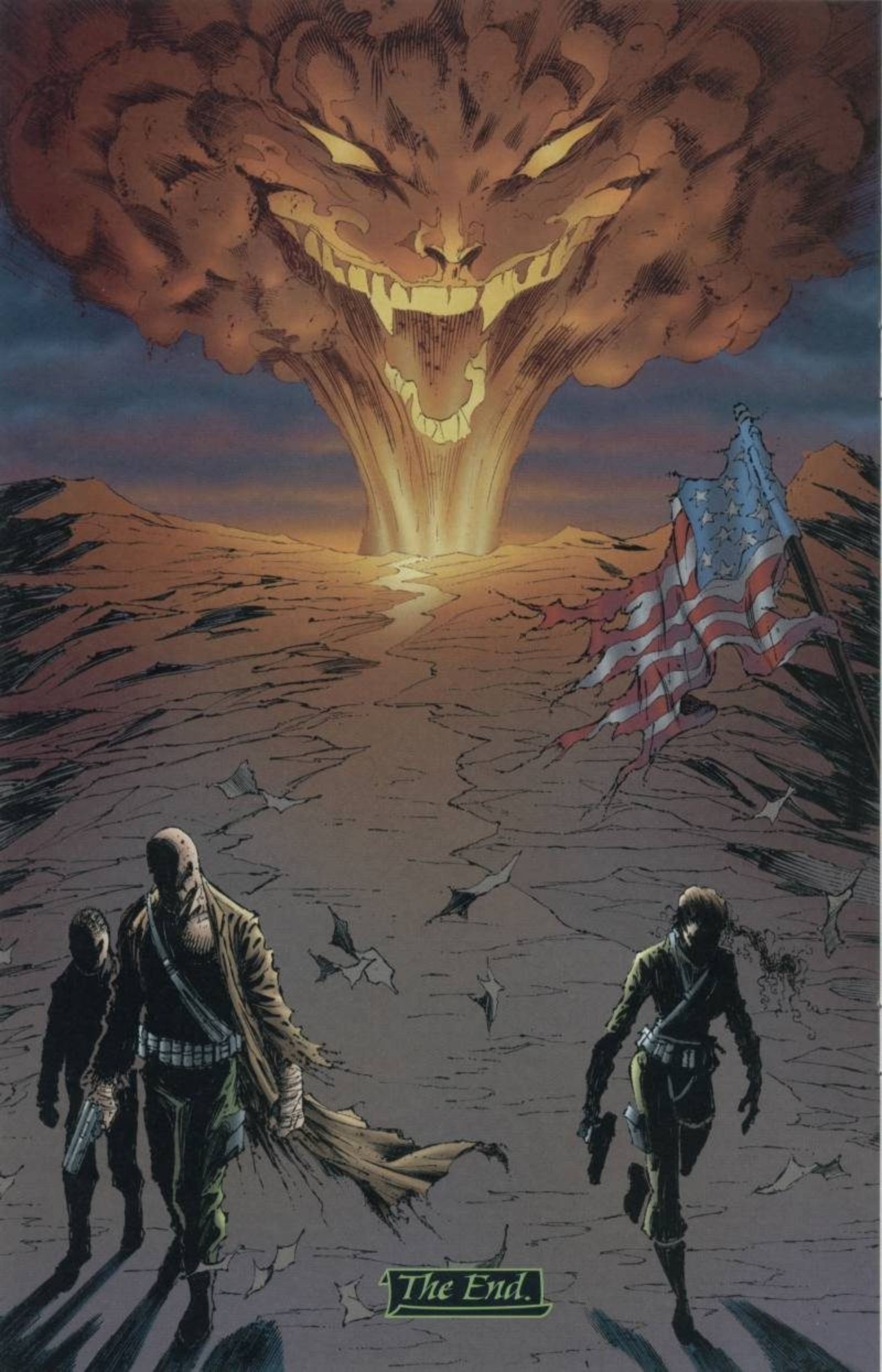
I KNOW.
THANKS. WIND'S
BLOWIN'.
RADIATION'S
COMING.

WHERE YOU
HEADIN'?

AWAY.
FIND
SURVIVORS.
REBUILD. LIVE.

C'MON
KID. LET'S
GO.





The End.

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That being said, what you now hold in your hands is the final issue of Evil Ernie's story. It's hard to believe, I know, and for some of you hard-core guys and gals, it may be too much, but let me explain: I always planned to end it this way. I knew long ago that the only way to do justice to the characters was to do what I did. It's over, I know, but it's better to burn out, than fade away. This story will be memorable. It closes the book on Evil in a way that covers all the critical bases.

You see, Evil Ernie had to die and it had to be Mary who killed him. Long ago, I established her as our heroine. Lots of characters and events came and went, but Mary was always there. She never deviated from being the heroine.

But knowing the diabolical nature of my creation - after all this is a book about the bad guy - I didn't want to disrespect Evil Ernie. He had to die (the bad guy MUST die in my view), but I wanted him to get in his kicks. So I let him trigger World War Three. Bravo, son. You accomplished your mission.

Price was another matter. Price became as bad as Evil early on. He had to pay the ultimate price - by Evil's hands. And so that's what I did. Understand I love the character. I've spent over eleven years with the guy, but he had to go. He had to pay for his rather bad behavior. I'll miss you, Leonard.

Judy and Sam. Their accident was unfortunate. But that's war. (I had so many plans for Judy, but... you know what happened). As far as Ernest Fairchild, the less said the better.

So where does that leave us? No more Evil adventures? Not exactly. I have at least one more Evil story in me. It's called "Pieces of Me" - and it takes place in Ernest Fairchild's past. You see, I don't subscribe to the notion of Evil's past that was portrayed in the "Fear Itself" storyline (I say it was just residual mind-messing by Purgatori and Serendipity). I have my own version, the "official" version let's say. I will write and

layout the story (like I did on Evil Ernie: Youth Gone Wild) and release it as a Black & white one shot in October 2000. If Steven Hughes is up to it health-wise and wants to do it, I will offer the story for him to draw.

A couple of thoughts from me to you: This issue was severe. It ends things. But understand this: the most important thing for me is to tell you a good story. I always planned on ending the saga now. I'm not trying to cut you guys off or rob you of your favorite character. Rather, I wanted to create an ending that would stay in your memory (and I did not want to tip you off that it was coming). All of us here who have worked on Evil Ernie for so long feel the pain of the conclusion. Jason and I were talking about it yesterday. Hell, he started on Evil Ernie #0. He loves Evil. And so do I. Out of respect I did what I did story-wise.

I thank all you guys and gals - the loyal readers of Evil Ernie. You kept the monster alive for eight years and it's been a blast.

So what's next? Armageddon has taken so much of my focus that as I write this - Nov. 18, 1999 - I am just starting up my newest creations. What can you expect from me? Well I will continue to pour my heart and soul into my creations. Will they be dark? Yes, many will be. Other than that, I am asking you to stay tuned. The next evolution of Chaos! is about to take place. We have lots of new adventures to share - and you are all invited for the ride.

Rest in peace Evil Ernie.

Sworn,



- Brian Pulido

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